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~~DCI~~ ERHARD

DURING COURSE OF LUNCHEON TODAY ~~ERHARD~~ INFORMED EMBASSY
OFFICIALS HE WOULD BE VISITING UNITED STATES IN JUNE TO RECEIVE
HONORARY DEGREES FROM WABASH COLLEGE, INDIANA AND GEORGETOWN
UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D.C. HE EXPECTS PROCEED FIRST TO
WABASH COLLEGE AND WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON ABOUT JUNE 7. TRIP
EXPECTED WIND UP IN NEW YORK ON 10TH OR 11TH. HE EXPRESSED
DESIRE PAY COURTESY VISITS ON APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES LEADERS.

ALTHOUGH ERHARD, AS ONE OF LEADING CANDIDATES FOR CHANCELLORSHIP,
MIGHT BE EXPECTED ENHANCE U.S. POLITICAL CHANCES DURING VISIT,
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER OPPORTUNITY EXPLOIT HIS KNOWN
POSITION THAT ADENAUER'S ACCESSION TO PRESIDENCY WILL NOT CHANGE
GERMANY'S FIRM ALIGNMENT WITH WEST. APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY THIS
RESPECT MIGHT BE USEFUL COUNTER TO SOVIET PROPAGANDA EFFORTS TO
INTERPRET PROSPECTIVE CHANGE AS WEAKENING THE ALLIANCE. IN ANY
CASE, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR
DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY, UNDER SECRETARY AND SECRETARY
TREASURY IN WHICH HE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST.

DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH CONSIDER USING OCCASION OF VISIT
FOR JOINT REVIEW CURRENT MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AS
SUGGESTED EMBASSY DESPATCH 1555.

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